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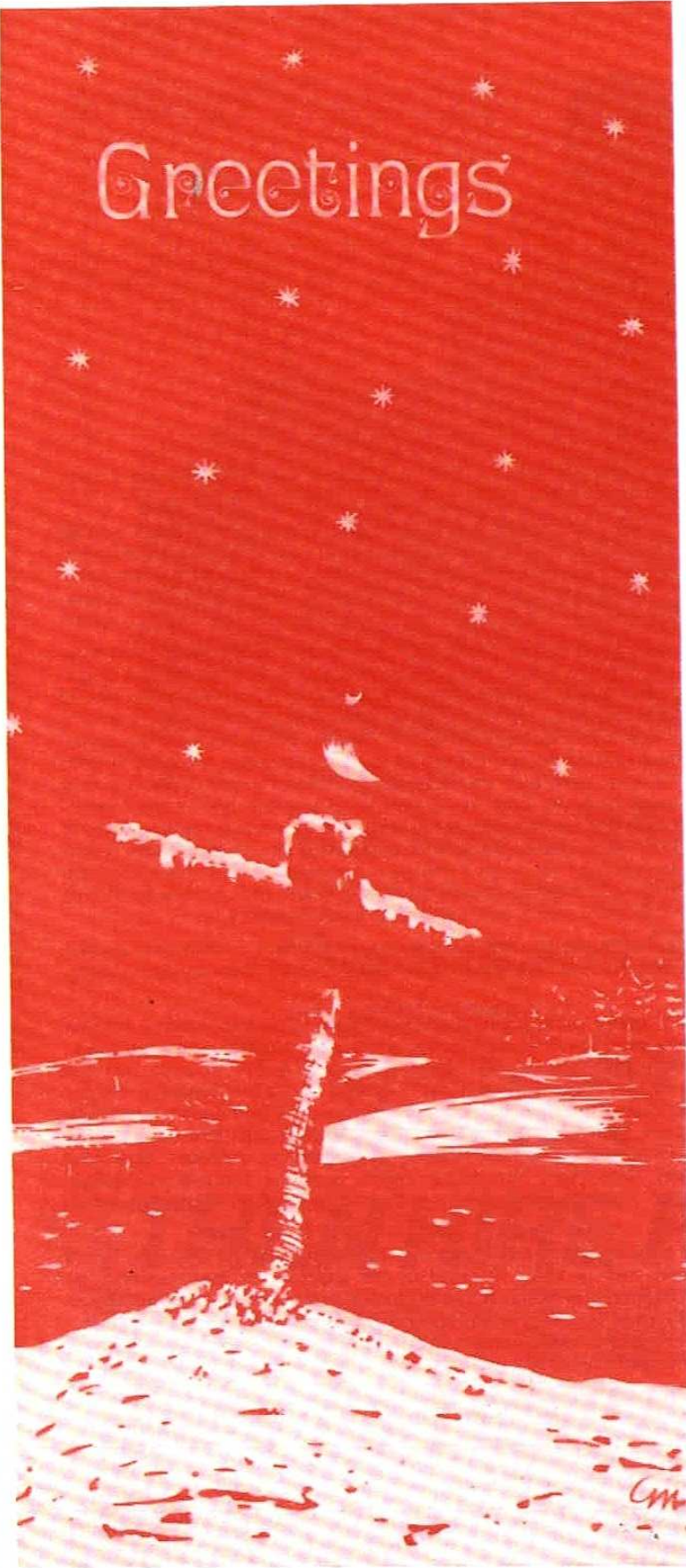
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Talk of the Town by the Chairman

When you read these notes the Christmas celebrations will be behind us, but we extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all.

We all start the New Year with renewed hope that things in general will be brighter. The past year has seen thousands of people lose their livelihood and this alone can affect so many aspects of life. Football in general is played to provide enjoyment for millions of people at all levels, and if anything can brighten our lives, it should be encouraged and not knocked.

Professional football, over the years, has become so commercialised that we must be careful that we do not lose all sense of proportion over this point. We are all inclined to get critical when things do not go as well as we would wish. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and these seem to vary from the ridiculous to the sublime, depending, of course, on your own thoughts. When we played against Sutton United in our last cup game, everybody who saw it must at least have had one opinion in common and that was how much of the game that we were in possession of the ball and in their territory. The fact that we scored only twice was due to several reasons one, of course, being the good goalkeeping and defence of the Sutton team generally. If we had managed to score a couple more goals in this game than we did, no doubt the critics would have rounded off with the comments that so we should, so one just cannot win under such circumstances.

Today is our bread and butter fare after the excitement of cup ties, and we welcome the Players and Officials of Fulham Football Club to our County Ground.

Fulham have a record of being a club which makes football history for the first time. They were the first club to pay a player a hundred pounds a week, after many years on a restricted pay level when twenty pounds was the approximate norm. They were the first club to run a professional Rugby Club as a subsidiary to the soccer team. They were the first club to welcome George Best back into English league football after he had spent some time in America. They were the first club to appoint their manager as a paid Director. Their Chairman, for many years, was the famous comedian, Tommy Trinder. Most clubs could do with a little laughter about the premises these days.

Owing to the bad weather which has upset the normal run of fixtures, Don's youngsters have had to keep fit without the pleasure of matches and, of course, Ken's lads are the same. It has been nice to see Robert Furley around the Club again after breaking a bone in his leg in a friendly match against a Wiltshire Youth trial eleven. Robert is anxious, I know, to get into harness again, but for a while will have to be content with light exercise.

Another addition to our playing staff is likely to be Jim Quinn who has been on a month's trial with us and John is giving him the chance to make his mark in the game. Other lads to turn Professional from Apprentices are Ray Baverstock, Paul Short and Paul Batty. We wish them well and I know that John will give them every encouragement.

A departure from our staff is Doug Buswell who has worked hard for the success of our competitions. Doug is moving away from our area and we wish him well in his new venture, and thank him for his efforts on behalf of our club.

Hoping that you enjoy today's game and that we can rely on your continued support throughout the season . . .



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As these are my last notes before the Christmas holidays I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive holiday.

Considering the terrible weather we have experienced during the last week or so we were extremely fortunate to be able to play our F.A. Cup tie versus Sutton United. On Saturday the ground was covered with some four inches of snow with ice beneath and on Sunday we had a blizzard giving a further four inches with drifting and a considerable amount of snow in the North Stand. Imagine our surprise when we arrived on Tuesday morning to find the ground in near perfect condition which must justify the money spent in recent years on the pitch and also the decision taken not to remove the snow which acted as insulation against the freezing conditions.

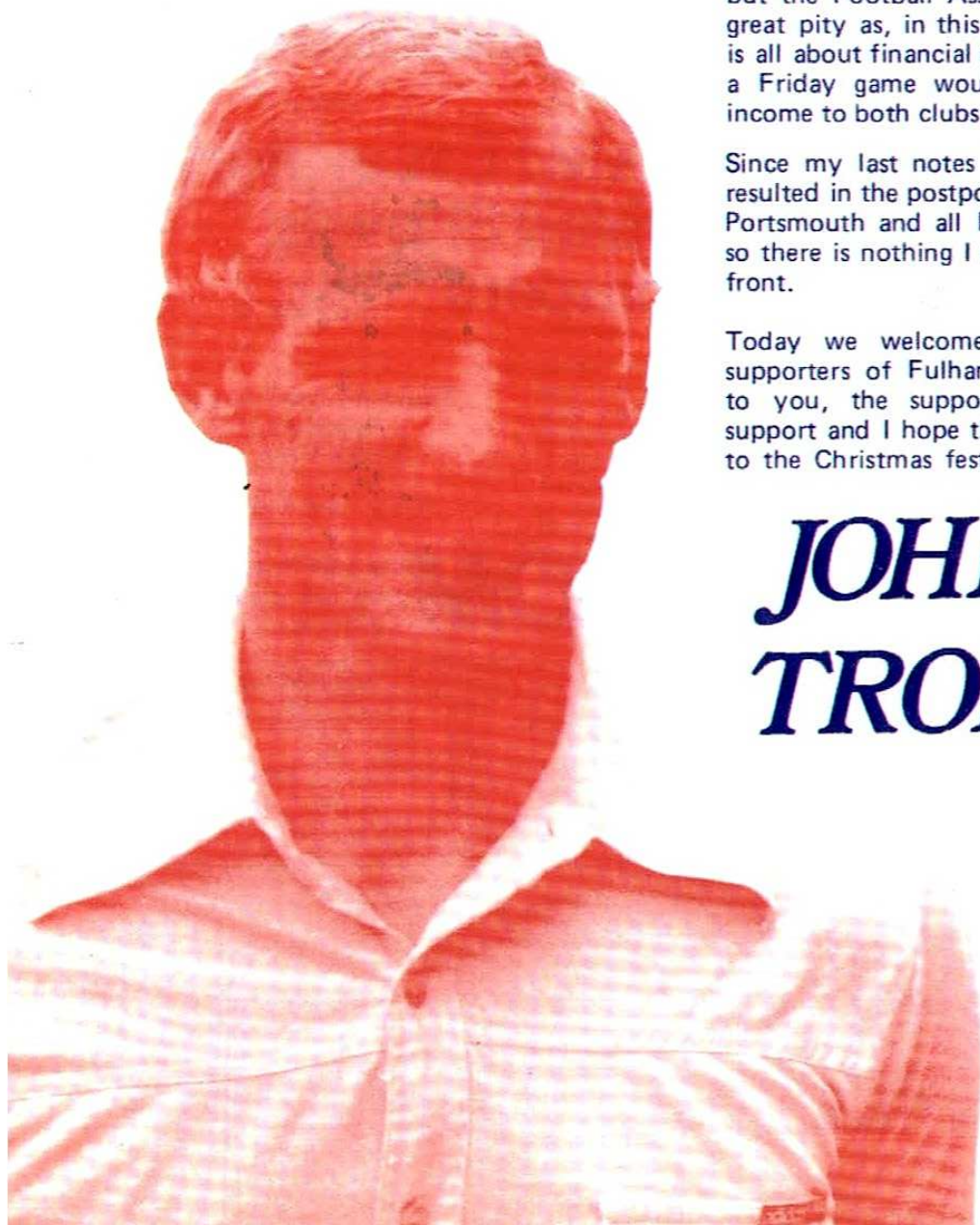
The game itself resulted in our achieving a 2-1 win but we certainly cannot blame the pitch for an inept display. Although we had at least 75 to 80% of the possession we did not turn that advantage into goals which kept Sutton in with a chance, after presenting them with a goal once again, right up to the very end whereas, with the chances we created they should have been buried early in the game. I know a lot of people considered we were lucky in winning with the final kick and, of course, it was hard on Sutton, but bearing in mind the number of chances and periods of possession enjoyed by our lads, in my opinion the result was justified.

We now look forward to the trip to Luton where the role will be reversed and we become the 'under dogs' but the outcome depends upon the performance of the two teams on the day. As the match takes place on the same day as the games between Watford and Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, both venues being not too far distance from Luton, we tried to have the game brought forward to Friday night but the Football Association refused which is a great pity as, in this moment of time, the game is all about financial survival and it is certain that a Friday game would have brought increased income to both clubs.

Since my last notes the inclement weather has resulted in the postponement of the game against Portsmouth and all Reserve and Youth matches so there is nothing I can comment upon on that front.

Today we welcome the team, officials and supporters of Fulham, with a special welcome to you, the supporters, for your continued support and I hope that the result is such to add to the Christmas festivities. A Happy New Year.

**JOHN
TROLLOPE**



Colin Benson spotlights

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Within minutes of the Football Association ratifying the new rule to allow each club one paid director last month, Malcolm MacDonald was installed onto the Fulham board, and so became the first paid director of an English football club.

Quite a remarkable achievement for a man who just three years ago was still fighting to save his playing career following a succession of knee operations. It was then that the former England centreforward started to look more deeply at the game he loved and recalls; "When you are injured it is like being on the outside looking in. But I enjoyed analysing the team from the stands".

Malcolm, or Supermac as he became known, was one of the last of the traditional old fashioned centreforwards, a striker who was perhaps best remembered for his muscle and pace than for some of the finer skills he undoubtedly possessed. He scored a fantastic 191 goals in 372 Football League matches with Fulham, Luton Town, Newcastle United and Arsenal, and his determined never say die attitude endeared him to the fans.

Even so Malcolm's 14 international caps for England, won between 1972 and 1976 did not do him justice. First selected by Alf Ramsey for the Under-23 squad, he represented England at that level against Wales, (2), Scotland and East Germany before gaining his first full cap against Wales.

Realisation

The problem was one of adjusting to the international game, it was a mental barrier rather than a physical one as the Fulham boss later realised.

He says: "When I was 22 I did not really understand what was going on. I was naive and expected that I had a lot more to learn. It created confusion in my own mind, I kept thinking there must be more!

"It wasn't until my 26th birthday that I suddenly became aware that what I was striving for did not exist. All of a sudden things just fell into

place, literally in a single day. I was watching a game instead of playing and suddenly saw it all in a different light. That something I had been looking for was not there it never had been.

"Now I understand what the game is all about. Every match is unique and that is what makes it such a fascinating business."

If only he had realised this earlier then maybe Malcolm would not have spent so much time on the sidelines of international football: "I think my backside must have been parked on every subs' bench behind the Iron Curtain" he jokes "it wouldn't have been so bad if it had been somewhere fabulous like the United States or France . . . but I went around Russia, East Germany, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria!"

Security

The burley striker scored six times for England . . . five of them in one momentous Wembley appearance against Cyprus, but he failed to reproduce the scoring consistency which made him such a dangerous opponent in the First Division.

When his playing career came to its abrupt end through injury, Malcolm ventured into journalism before accepting the post of Chief Marketing Executive at Fulham Football Club. Then when manager Bobby Campbell got the sack last year he applied for the post. Chairman Ernie Clay told him he had made but gave him the job and has now given him the added security of a directorship.

"I will be the first to know when it is time to sack the manager", he says philosophically but there is no thoughts in that direction now as he tackles his new role with the same relish that gobbled up centre-halves.

Macdonald is an ambitious young manager who has designs on taking Fulham not only back to the First Division but into Europe as well. These are early days in his newfound career but hot shot Supermac could make a big score as a football club manager.

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

Date Opponents

Result Gate 1

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Sub (if used)

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Sat.	Aug.	29	Wimbleton	H	4 - 1	5632	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham 1	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Moores	
Tues.	Sept.	1	Wrexham LC 1 (1)	A	2 - 3	2068	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1P	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Moores	Baddeley†
Sat.	Sept.	5	Chester	A	0 - 0	1949	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Carter	
Sat.	Sept.	12	Preston North End	H	4 - 0	5695	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Carter 2	
Tues.	Sept.	15	Wrexham LC 1 (2)	H	0 - 2	6776	Allan	Henry	Williams	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Moores*	Pritchard
Sat.	Sept.	19	Exeter City	A	2 - 1	4372	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams 1	
Mon.	Sept.	21	Southern Utd	A	0 - 0	4864	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Williams	
Sat.	Sept.	26	Reading	H	0 - 2	9316	Allan	Henry	Baddeley	Hughes 1	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	Pritchard
Tues.	Sept.	29	Chesterfield	H	1 - 2	5365	Allan	Henry	Baddeley*	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Williams	Rowland	Greenwood	Abbley	
Sat.	Oct.	3	Burnley	A	2 - 0	3377	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Williams	
Sat.	Oct.	10	Carlisle Utd	H	2 - 1	5265	Allan	Henry	1 Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood*	Williams	
Sat.	Oct.	17	Bristol Rovers	A	4 - 1	8779	Allan	Henry	1 Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 1	Williams	
Tues.	Oct.	20	Walsall	A	0 - 5	6010	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood 2	Williams	
Sat.	Oct.	24	Doncaster Rovers	H	2 - 2	6750	Allan	Henry	Peach*	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter 1	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	
Sat.	Oct.	31	Gillingham	A	0 - 1	8410	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams 1	
Tues.	Nov.	3	Brentford	H	1 - 3	6369	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Carter	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout	Williams	
Sat.	Nov.	7	Millwall	H	1 - 2	5710	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Rideout*	Williams	
Sat.	Nov.	14	Huddersfield	A	0 - 3	7605	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Emmanuel	Rowland	Greenwood	Stroud*	Pritchard
Sat.	Nov.	21	F.A. Cup 1 Taunton Town	A	2 - 1	4494	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard 2	
Sat.	Nov.	28	Lincoln City	H	0 - 2	3132	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	
Sat.	Dec.	5	Bristol City	H	0 - 0	6949	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	
Sat.	Dec.	12	F.A. Cup 2 Sutton United	H	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	
Sat.	Dec.	19	Portsmouth	H	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	
Sat.	Dec.	26	Plymouth Argyle	H	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	
Mon.	Dec.	28	Fulham	H	2 - 1	2892	Allan	Henry	Peach	Hughes	Lewis	Graham	Abbley	Carter	Rowland	Greenwood	Pritchard	

GOALSCORERS

League	League Cup	F.A. Cup
6	1	1
5	1	1
3	1	1
2	1	1
2	1	1
2	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	3
1	1	3

1982	Sat.	Jan.	2	Newport County	A															
	Sun.	Jan.	10	Chester	H															
	Sun.	Jan.	17	Oxford United	H															
	Sat.	Jan.	23	Wimbleton (FA-4)	A															
	Sun.	Jan.	31	Exeter City	H															
	Sat.	Feb.	6	Preston North End	H															
	Sat.	Feb.	13	Burnley (FA-5)	H															
	Sat.	Feb.	20	Reading	A															
	Sat.	Feb.	27	Carlisle Utd.	A															
	Sat.	Mar.	6	Bristol Rovers (FA-6)	H															
	Tues.	Mar.	9	Walsall	H															
	Fri.	Mar.	12	Doncaster Rovers	A															
	Sat.	Mar.	13	League Cup Final	A															
	Mon.	Mar.	15	Brentford	A															
	Sat.	Mar.	20	Gillingham	H															
	Sat.	Mar.	27	Millwall	A															
	Sat.	Mar.	27	Millwall	A															
	Sat.	Apr.	3	Huddersfield Town FA SF	H															
	Sat.	Apr.	10	Plymouth Argyle	H															
	Tues.	Apr.	13	Fulham	A															
	Sat.	Apr.	17	Bristol City	A															
	Sat.	Apr.	24	Lincoln City	A															
	Sat.	May	1	Chesterfield	A															
	Tues.	May	4	Oxford United	H															
	Sat.	May	8	Newport County	H															
	Sat.	May	15	Portsmouth	H															
	Sat.	May	22	FA Cup Final	A															

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Things Financial

by Ron Morse

You may have seen in the Press recently that we reported a profit of £62,455. for the year ended 31 May 1981. A study of our Profit and Loss Account reveals that this was achieved inspite of a drop on the previous season's receipts from matches by £126,930 and an increase in our wage bill of almost £100,000. So how was it done? Well, there was a number of ups and downs but the big item was transfer fees - during the year we received £190,000 more than we paid. The previous year, when we made an £800 loss, we spent £118,000 more than we received on transfer fees, so comparison between the two years showed a turn round of £308,000.

You might think that after those results we had little to worry about on the financial scene, but like the majority of Football Clubs life is far from easy. Certainly our overdraft at the end of May was down to £69,688 almost half of the previous year which stood at £137,752 but what of the period since?

In common with other clubs our gates are down and our income from other activities, competitions, clubs and shops, has been reduced. We accept that these are a direct result of the recession through which the country, and indeed the world, is passing. In real terms the facts are that we are losing money every week and no Company can continue to lose and survive.

We are not alone in this predicament, clubs are having to face the possibility of closing and only injections of cash by Directors and benefactors has made it possible for some to continue. But what of those individuals who do make funds available to enable clubs to continue? With football declining isn't it a case that perhaps they are letting their hearts rule their heads? Certain it is that football would be the poorer for the loss of such men. However, the injection of cash usually occurs where clubs own the grounds on which they play, this offers a measure of security for those who make loans to keep them operating.

When all is said and done is it good business to prop up an ailing company? The employees of such a concern no doubt are grateful that someone has given them job security in the immediate future, but would it not make more sense for the sake of the future of such a company to endeavour to make it more viable?

The immediate thought is cuts to reduce the outgoings. Certainly this is necessary if this can be done without harming the efficiency of the

club, but sometimes it makes more sense to expand to increase income.

Football being the business it is nothing is certain and therefore spending on new players never guarantees anything except that without success the club will be the poorer! The other alternative is to sell a player or players to raise cash as we did last season. With the present financial position there is no certainty that anyone will be in the position to buy. If a club is able to sell its best players then invariably the team's performance suffers, attendances drop and income is reduced. So while an immediate reprieve has been bought by the sale, the long term result is a financial loss. Many are the solutions which have been offered for football's ills but none can be said to cure all. We at Swindon are taking the middle path which means endeavouring to retain our best players but not spending lavishly on new players when things go wrong. We don't have the cash to do this anyway? But while quietly holding our own on the financial scene, we are preparing for the future with a positive Youth Policy. We hope to survive the immediate future while looking forward to better things to come.

With all the changes in football, and the freedom of contract given to players is probably one of the worst from a financial point of view, we have to face the fact that football will never be the same again. Gone are the days when we could expect 15,000 gates, even with success we would be lucky to get 8,000. We have to accept this and realise that the future of Swindon Town is in the hands of those young players being produced by our Youth Policy

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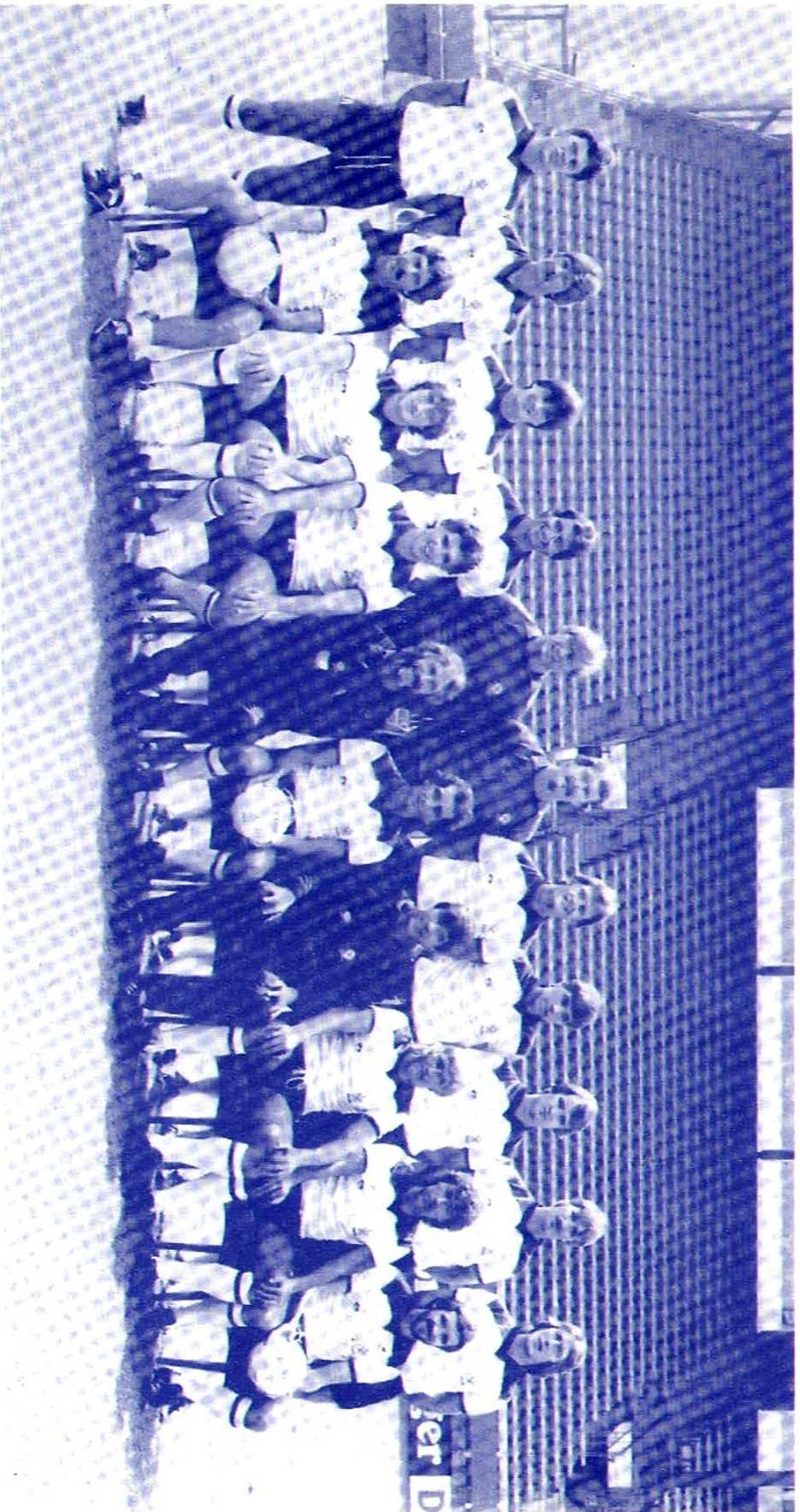
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TOWN THROUGH TIME:

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League Results:

Aug	29	Bournemouth & B A	away	L0-2	
	31	Bristol City	home	L1-3	Richardson
Sep	5	Charlton Athletic	home	W3-0	Richardson, Wall 2
	9	Bristol City	away	L1-5	Richardson
	12	Gillingham	away	W1-0	Richardson
	16	Bristol Rovers	home	W4-2	Wall, Richardson 2, Denyer
	19	Merthyr Town	home	L0-2	
	23	Millwall	home	D1-1	Furness
	26	Newport County	away	W4-0	Johnson, Denyer 2, Wall
Oct	3	Luton Town	home	W2-0	Wall 2
	10	Q P R	away	D1-1	Clarke
	17	Crystal Palace	home	W3-1	Weston (pen.), Clarke 2
	24	Brentford	away	L1-3	Clarke
	31	Southend United	home	W2-0	Richardson, Johnson
Nov	7	Plymouth Argyle	away	D1-1	Davies
	14	Aberdare Athletic	home	W2-1	Denyer, Wall
	21	Northampton Town	away	Lo-2	
Dec	5	Norwich City	away	D2-2	Richardson 2
	19	Brighton & Have A	away	L1-3	Richardson
	25	Reading	away	L0-2	
	26	Reading	home	D1-1	Richardson
	28	Bristol Rovers	away	W2-1	O'Neill (pen.), Daniel
Jan	2	Bournemouth & B A	home	W8-2	Richardson 4, Daniel 2, Thompson, Petrie
	16	Charlton Athletic	away	L0-2	
	23	Gillingham	home	W1-0	Richardson
Feb	6	Newport County	home	W2-1	Wall, Daniel
	13	Luton Town	away	L1-4	Daniel
	20	QPR	home	W2-0	Richardson 2
	22	Merthyr Town	away	L1-2	Weston (pen.)
	27	Crystal Palace	away	L0-1	
Mar	6	Brentford	home	W2-1	Petrie 2
	13	Southend United	away	L0-3	
	20	Plymouth Argyle	home	W2-0	Clarke, Wall
	27	Aberdare Athletic	away	D1-1	Bew
Apr	2	Exeter City	home	W2-1	Davies, Denyer
	3	Northampton Town	home	L1-2	Clarke
	5	Exeter City	away	W2-1	Rowley 2
	10	Millwall	away	L0-3	
	17	Norwich City	home	W3-1	Petrie 2, Wall
	21	Watford	home	W5-3	Wall, Dickenson (pen.) Clarke, Davies, Denyer
	24	Watford	away	L2-3	Petrie, Wall
May	1	Brighton & Hove A	home	W1-0	Wall

by paul plowman

League Apps (Goals)

Adey T W	25
Archer A S	28
Bew D C	38 (1)
Clarke J	17 (7)
Cooper R	12
Daniel C H	13 (5)
Davies A S	34 (3)
Denyer A E C	39 (6)
Dickenson W	41 (1)
Furness S	14 (1)
Johnson J H	21 (2)
Nash E M	41
O'Neill H	3 (1)
Petrie C	16 (6)
Purcell G W	3
Randall O S	2
Richardson F	19 (18)
Rogers D	5
Rowley R W M	2 (2)
Ruddlesdin A	2
Thompson J	7 (1)
Waite R	3
Wall A	37 (13)
Weston A M	40 (2)



FRANK RICHARDSON
28 League and Cup Goals

FA Cup Results:

(1) Farnham Utd Breweries	1
Swindon Town	10
(2) Swindon Town	7
Sittingbourne	0
(3)*Clapton	2
Swindon Town	3
(4) Nottingham Forest	2
Swindon Town	0

F A Cup Goalscorers

Richardson	10
Denyer, Johnson	3 each
Davies	2
Wall, Thompson	1 each

* Played at Upton Park

Division Three South Final Table - Top Positions

	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts
1. Reading	42	23	11	8	77 - 52	57
2. Plymouth Argyle	42	24	8	10	107-67	56
3. Millwall	42	21	11	11	73 - 39	53
4. Bristol City	42	21	9	12	72 - 51	51
5. Brighton & H.A.	42	19	9	14	84 - 73	47
6. SWINDON TOWN	42	20	6	16	69 - 64	46

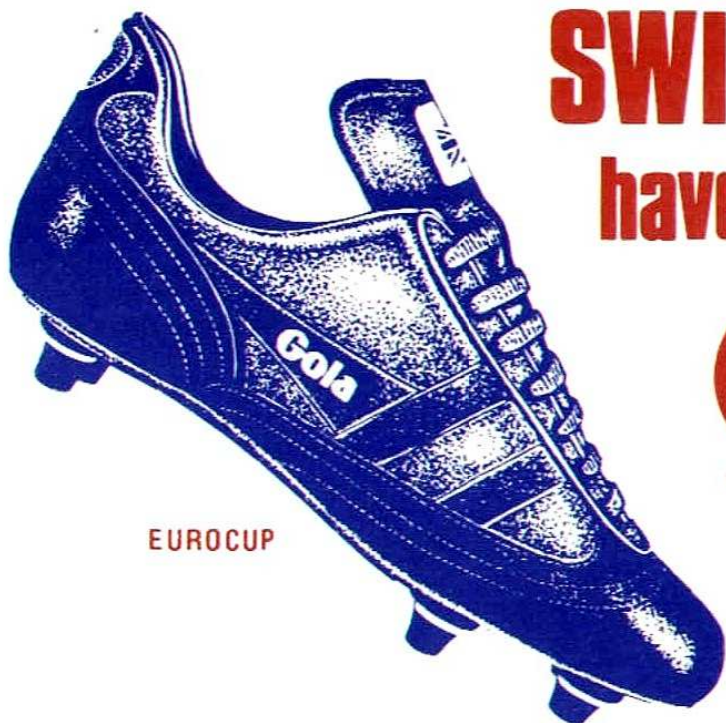
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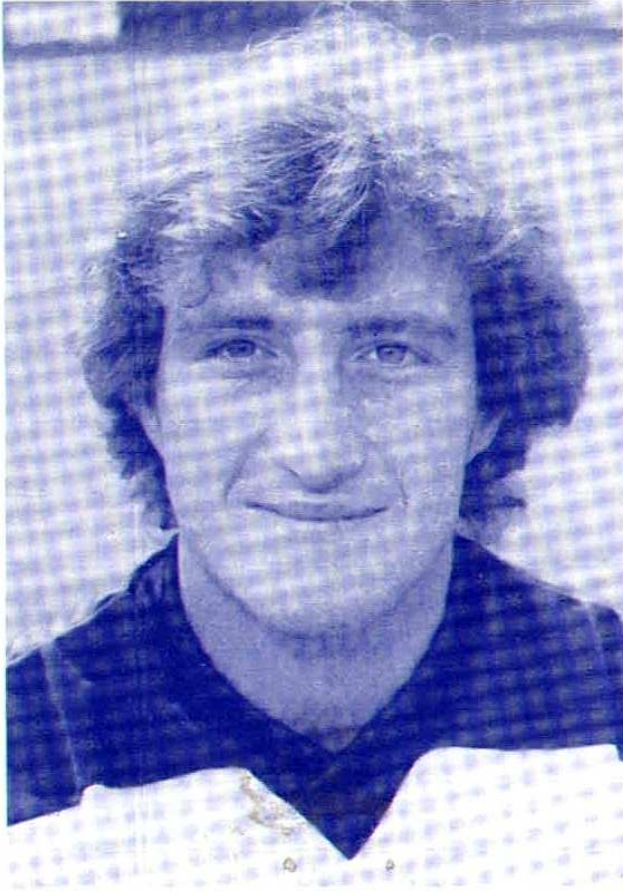
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RAY LEWINGTON. Began his career in West London, with neighbours Chelsea, Ray made 80 appearances for the Blues before crossing the Atlantic to play for Vancouver Whitecaps. After helping them to win the North American Soccer Bowl, he played briefly for Wimbledon before joining Fulham in March 1980. He is a ball-winning midfield dynamo, easily picked out with his red hair. A fierce competitor, he overcame a bad knee injury last season and was one of the most consistent players in the side.

CLIVE DAY. Another teenager who has come through the club's youth scheme, Clive made a handful of appearances last season. He appears to have the ability and temperament to succeed in the senior squad.

JOHN BECK. An automatic choice in midfield since he joined Fulham in October 1978, John had previously played over 100 games for Queens Park Rangers and Coventry following his debut on Boxing Day 1972. A tireless worker, with accurate distribution and a subtle change of pace, he has made 126 League and Cup appearances for Fulham and scored 12 goals.

TONY GALE. A product of the Fulham Youth side, Tony joined Fulham as a 13 year old in 1973, and made his League debut at the age of 16. He has made nearly 200 League and Cup appearances for the Cottagers over the last four seasons and scored 16 goals. Equally at home in the back four or midfield, Tony has won 8 England Youth caps and is one of the most exciting prospects in England.

RONNIE GOODLASS. An orthodox left winger, Ronnie joined Fulham after three seasons in Dutch football. His first English club was Everton, who he joined after winning schoolboy international honours. A player of genuine flair, he is a potential match winner on his day.

BRIAN GREENAWAY. Another youngster to come through Fulham's junior teams, Brian joined the club as an 16 year old in April 1974. He made his debut in November 1976 and has since played 57 times for the first team. Originally an orthodox winger he has switched to midfield. He is fast, brave and tireless and has the knack of scoring vital goals: eight of his nine goals have either been equalisers or the winners.

STEVE HATTER. Born in London 22 years ago, Steve made the first of his 32 appearances in December 1977. A tall, uncompromising central defender, he has successfully overcome a knee injury and forced his way back into the first team reckoning. Yet another of the squad who has come through the youth team.

ROGER BROWN. Born in Tamworth 27 years ago, he played for Walsall and Bournemouth before joining Norwich in the 1979 close season. Joined Fulham from Norwich for a six figure fee in March 1980, Roger, a central defender, unluckily received an injury in his first game which kept him out for the rest of the 1979/80 season. Established himself at the heart of Fulham's defence last season making 47 League and Cup appearances.

GERRY PEYTON. Since joining Fulham from Burnley in December 1976, Gerry has been one of the club's most consistent players, playing in almost 200 League & Cup games. His brave and acrobatic displays have established him as one of the best goalkeepers in the country. Although he was born in Birmingham, Gerry is currently first choice for the Republic of Ireland, his parent's birthplace.

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KEVIN LOCK. After a distinguished career at West Ham, for whom he made 150 appearances, Kevin joined Fulham in the summer of 1978 for a substantial fee. Whilst with the Hammers he won 4 Under 23 caps, played in the European Cup Winners Cup and had an outstanding game against Fulham in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final. Since signing for the Cottagers, Kevin has performed equally well in defence or midfield in his 127 League & Cup games. He is the Club's penalty expert.

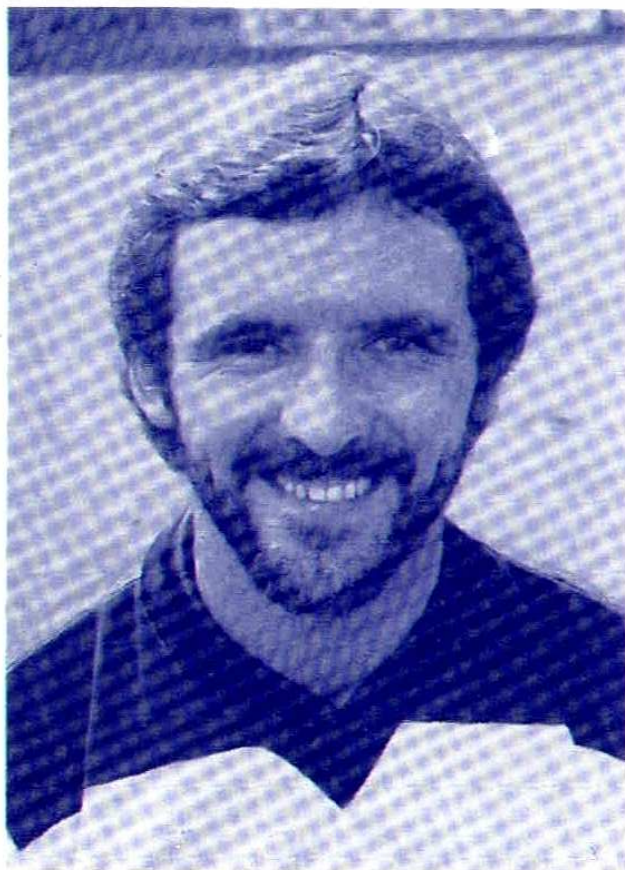
TONY MAHONEY. Barking born Tony joined Fulham as a 13 year old in 1972 and was a prolific scorer for the junior teams. He won representative honours for the England Youth side and made his League debut in November 1976. A tall, well-built striker, Tony is fast and particularly effective in the air and has scored 14 goals in his 60 first team outings.

SEAN O'DRISCOLL. A major discovery for Fulham in 1979, he was signed for £12,500 from Alvchurch, a record fee for a non-league club. An industrious and creative midfielder player, he won a first team place towards the end of 1979/80 and has been a regular ever since. Sean, nicknamed 'Noisy', has made 58 appearances.

GARY PETERS. Was voted best full back in the Fourth Division by his fellow professionals when with Reading, for whom he made nearly 200 appearances. Gary joined Fulham in August 1979 and he has played in 74 games. A hard tackling defender, he showed his versatility last season, appearing in midfield and as a striker.

JIM STANNARD. Went straight from the juniors to the League side last January, when Gerry Peyton was injured, and held his place on merit for the rest of the season. Perhaps the major goalkeeping discovery of 1981, Jim has shown skill and maturity beyond his 18 years and looks set for a long stay in the League team.

LES STRONG. Fulham's longest serving player, he is now in his 11th season at the Cottage and is Club Captain. Originally a winger, he made his debut in September 1972, but switched to full-back in 1973-74. He has been a first team regular for eight seasons and has made nearly 400 League and Cup appearances. Since April 1975, he has missed only 11 games.



GORDON DAVIES. A schoolteacher in South Wales when Fulham signed him from Merthyr Tydfil for £2,000 in March 1978, Gordon has made rapid progress in League Football. He was top scorer in 1979/80, with 15 goals in 39 games, and won two full Welsh caps. Last year he was again top scorer, with 23 goals. A small, determined striker, he is quick off the mark with an eye for the half chance, and is a firm favourite with Fulham fans.

DAVE CLEMENT. An experienced defender, Dave spent 13 years with Q.P.R. and 1 with Bolton, making nearly 500 appearances. He also won 5 England Caps in 1976/77. In September 1980 Dave returned to London, to Fulham, and had 20 first team outings last season.

DEAN CONEY. A product of Fulham's junior sides, Dean made a great impact in the closing games of 1980/81. He scored 3 goals in 7 matches, and shows immense promise. Still only a teenager, he is a big, strong brace striker who has won representative honours at Youth Level.

ROBERT WILSON. Another local born youngster who has come through the junior teams, midfielder Robert established himself in 1980/81. A tireless worker, he has also shown that he can snatch vital goals.

Picture Parade...



Swindon's Paul Rideout is beaten by the punch of Sutton goalkeeper Dave Collier in Tuesday night's FA Cup victory.

BY DAVE EVANS



Opposing defenders Russell Lewis and Sutton's John Rains (No. 4) challenge for a Town corner during Tuesday's FA Cup win at the County Ground.



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Next Match

SUNDAY

10th January, 1982

Division III

CHESTER

K.O. 3.0 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE : DIVISION THREE TABLE

as at Friday, 18th December '81

	Home				Away				Avg	Home	Top Goalscorers (incl Cup*)				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Lge Gate		
Chesterfield	18	5	2	2	14	8	5	2	2	13	5	34	5,199	Phil Bonnyman 8, Martin Henderson 6	
Walsall	18	6	1	2	17	7	3	4	2	8	6	32	4,091	Don Penn 6, Richard O'Kelly 5	
Carlisle United	18	7	1	1	18	9	3	1	5	9	12	32	3,831	Bryan Robson 8, Gordon Staniforth 8	
Southern United	18	5	1	3	11	7	4	1	4	12	11	29	4,717	Terry Gray 5, Keith Mercer 4	
Fulham	18	5	3	1	16	8	3	2	4	11	15	29	5,606	Gordon Davies 14, Dean Coney 10	
Gillingham	18	5	1	3	18	14	4	1	4	10	13	29	5,457	Dean White 9, Ken Price 7	
Brentford	18	2	3	4	5	6	6	1	2	16	9	28	5,410	Keith Bowen 6, Gary Johnson 5	
Millwall	18	4	1	4	13	11	4	3	2	13	10	28	5,583	Nick Chatterton 11, Dean Horrix 6	
Oxford United	18	4	2	3	10	7	4	2	3	14	13	28	4,247	Keith Cassells 12, Andy Thomas 8	
Doncaster Rovers	18	6	1	2	12	6	2	3	4	9	15	28	6,691	Alan Warboys 6, Richard Dawson 4	
Reading	18	4	2	3	12	14	4	2	3	11	11	28	4,166	Gary Heale 9	
Bristol Rovers	18	4	2	3	15	15	3	2	4	11	11	25	5,825	Archie Stephens 9, Paul Randall 6	
Exeter City	18	5	0	4	21	22	2	4	3	12	17	25	4,341	Tony Kellow 11, Mike Lester 6	
Lincoln City	18	3	3	3	14	10	3	2	4	13	14	23	3,808	Tony Cunningham 10, George Shipley 8	
Huddersfield Town	18	4	3	2	13	9	2	2	5	10	13	23	7,746	Peter Fletcher 6, Ian Robins 6	
Newport County	18	4	3	2	10	7	2	2	5	13	16	23	4,577	John Aldridge 5, Tommy Tynan 5	
PORTSMOUTH	18	4	3	2	12	8	1	4	4	8	13	22	9,667	Jeff Hemmerman 7, Bill Rafferty 7	
Burnley	18	3	4	2	11	11	2	3	4	12	15	22	4,209	Paul McGee 4	
SWINDON TOWN	18	3	2	4	14	13	3	2	4	8	13	22	6,339	Roy Carter 6, Andy Rowland 6	
Bristol City	18	3	3	3	11	11	2	3	4	7	11	21	6,402	Jimmy Mann 10, Mick Harford 8	
Plymouth Argyle	18	3	2	4	14	12	2	2	5	6	12	19	3,875	John Sims 7, Jeff Cook 6	
Chester	18	0	6	3	6	11	3	1	5	7	13	15	1,888	Gary Simpson 3	
Preston North End	18	2	4	3	6	8	1	2	6	9	19	15	5,444	Alex Bruce 7	
Wimbledon	18	3	1	5	11	16	0	3	6	8	20	13	2,882	John Leslie 5, Paul Lazarus 4	

* includes Lge Cup & F.A. Cup
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- 3 GARY WILLIAMS
- 4 BRIAN HUGHES
- 5 RUSSELL LEWIS
- 6 MIKE GRAHAM
- 7 GARY EMMANUEL
- 8 ROY CARTER
- 9 ANDY ROWLAND
- 10 PAUL RIDEOUT
- 11 HOWARD PRITCHARD
- 12

FULHAM

- 1 GERRY PEYTON
- 2 JEFF HOPKINS
- 3 LES STRONG
- 4 SEAN O'DRISCOLL
- 5 ROGER BROWN
- 6 TONY GALE
- 7 GORDON DAVIES
- 8 ROBERT WILSON
- 9 DEAN CONEY
- 10 PETER O'SULLIVAN
- 11 RAY LEWINGTON
- 12



The exact numberings of both teams will be announced over the PA system to enable spectators to insert the relevant numbers prior to the kick-off.

REFEREE:

MR. DAVID LETTS (Basingstoke)

Started in New Forest and Bournemouth Leagues, graduated via Hampshire League and the Football Combination to Football League List. Was Linesman at an F.A. Cup Quarter Final match in 1977/78, and the Wales v. Northern Ireland Home Championships in 1980.

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